

**LEGAL DEBT MARGIN  
GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004**

Article 9, Section 5, Paragraph I of the Georgia Constitution establishes the maximum debt limits for counties and other political subdivisions of the State. Under the Constitution, certain types of debt issued by a political subdivision, including counties, cannot exceed an amount which is equal to 10 percent of the assessed value of all taxable property located within that particular entity.

As indicated by the calculation in the table below, the legal debt margin of Fayette County at the beginning of the 2004 fiscal year is at least \$384,420,443. Because this amount is based on the latest tax digest (i.e., the 2002 calendar year) that has actually been approved by the Department of Revenue, one would expect a similar calculation based on the January 1, 2003 assessments to actually be higher.

The legal debt margin amount is important in that it represents the net amount of external financing resources that is available to the County through the issuance of general obligation (G.O.) bonds. G.O. bonds are debt instruments issued in the name of the government and whose repayment is guaranteed through a pledge of the full faith and credit of the issuer. In layman's terms, when the majority of voters in a county approve a general obligation bond referendum, they are guaranteeing the purchaser of that bond that they will pay property taxes in an amount that is sufficient to redeem the bond upon maturity and pay the interest earned on the outstanding bonds.

<u>TAX YEAR</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUE</u>	<u>APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE</u>	<u>DEBT LIMIT</u>	<u>CURRENT G.O. DEBT</u>	<u>LEGAL DEBT MARGIN</u>
2002	\$3,844,204,427	10.00%	\$384,420,443	\$0	\$384,420,443

The legal debt margin is calculated at any point in time by deducting the amount of the current outstanding G.O. debt from the statutory debt limit. The reason for performing this calculation is to determine the maximum amount of new debt that could be legally issued should the need arise. With the annual budgeted expenditures in the General Fund being only around \$44.3 million, there would appear to be more than sufficient debt capacity available to the County.

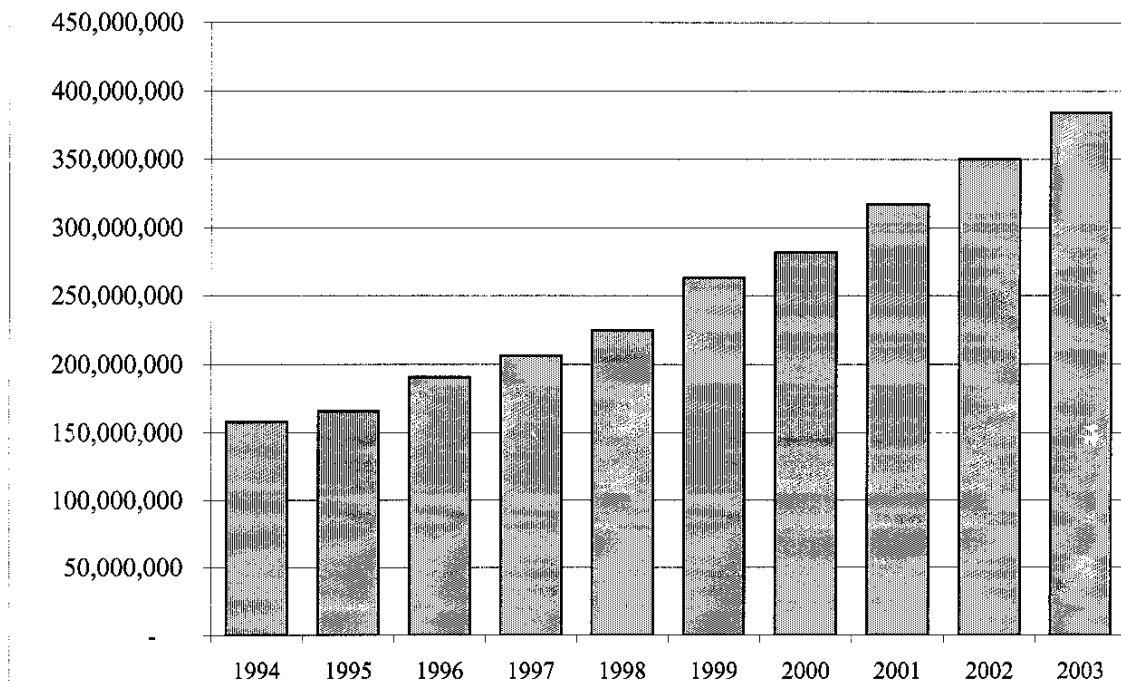
On December 1, 1997, the County redeemed the last of the outstanding G.O. bonds. This absence of any outstanding bond indebtedness means that Fayette County has the entire 100% percent of its legal debt capacity available to it.

The Board of Commissioners has entered into a lease-purchase arrangement with the Fayette County Public Facilities Authority (PFA) for the construction of a new jail and judicial center complex. As provided by law, the issuance of revenue bonds for this purpose does not count against the legal debt margin.

### STATEMENT OF LEGAL DEBT MARGIN LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Assessed Property Values</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Debt Service Monies Debt Limit</u>	<u>Net Bonded Debt</u>	<u>Legal Debt Margin</u>
1994	1,592,661,000	10.00%	159,266,100	1,550,000	157,716,100
1995	1,667,506,000	10.00%	166,750,600	1,205,000	165,545,600
1996	1,914,393,000	10.00%	191,439,300	830,000	190,609,300
1997	2,068,870,000	10.00%	206,887,000	420,000	206,467,000
1998	2,248,416,000	10.00%	224,841,600	-	224,841,600
1999	2,630,193,000	10.00%	263,019,300	-	263,019,300
2000	2,816,670,000	10.00%	281,667,000	-	281,667,000
2001	3,172,197,561	10.00%	317,219,756	-	317,219,756
2002	3,503,049,483	10.00%	350,304,948	-	350,304,948
2003	3,844,204,427	10.00%	384,420,443	-	384,420,443

### LEGAL DEBT MARGIN



## SCHEDULE OF DEBT AS OF JUNE 30, 2003

General Obligation Bonds. Periodically, the County issues general obligation bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major general government capital facilities. General obligation (G.O.) bonds are direct obligations and thus represent a pledge of the full faith and credit of the government. Fayette County currently has no general obligation bonds outstanding.

Revenue Bonds. The County and its component units also issues bonds where the issuer pledged income derived from the acquired or constructed assets to pay debt service.

*Public Facilities Authority* - In June of 2000, the Public Facilities Authority (PFA) issued \$55.25 million in Series 2000 revenue bonds for the purpose of the construction of a Criminal Justice Center. In September of 2001, \$50.44 million in Series 2001 refunding revenue bonds were issued for the purpose of providing funds to pay or to be applied toward the cost of refunding by redemption and payment the Series 2000 bonds maturing on and after June 1, 2011. Concurrently, Fayette County entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the PFA to lease purchase the facility. This contractual arrangement calls for the County's semi-annual lease payments to be in an amount equal to the debt service payments on the revenue bonds. For financial reporting purposes, the Public Facilities Authority is considered to be a component unit of Fayette County and thus the debt is properly reported as being attributable to Fayette County government.

Fayette County Public Facilities Authority (Georgia) issued revenue bonds which are currently outstanding can be described as follows:

\$7,970,000 Series 2000, Criminal Justice Center Project Revenue Bonds, due in annual installments of \$870,000 to \$1,185,000 through June 1, 2010; and interest from 5.0% to 5.5%.

\$54,435,000 Series 2001, Criminal Justice Center Project Revenue Bonds, due in annual installments of \$185,000 to \$3,660,000 through June 1, 2030; and interest from 3.0% to 5.0%.

At June 30, 2003, the Public Facilities Authority was obligated to make combined payments of principal and interest in its outstanding revenue debt as follows:

Fiscal Years Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service
2004	1,055,000	2,784,451	3,839,451
2005	1,105,000	2,734,161	3,839,161
2006	1,165,000	2,681,036	3,846,036
2007	1,220,000	2,623,656	3,843,656
2008 - 2011	7,080,000	12,134,491	19,214,491
2012 - 2016	8,865,000	10,342,350	19,207,350
2017 - 2021	11,250,000	7,952,250	19,202,250
2022 - 2026	14,375,000	4,843,000	19,218,000
2027 - 2030	10,465,000	1,063,500	11,528,500
Totals	\$56,580,000	\$47,158,895	\$103,738,895

## SCHEDULE OF DEBT AS OF JUNE 30, 2003

*Fayette County Water System Enterprise Fund* - The Water System issued revenue bonds which are currently outstanding are as follows:

\$7,140,000 remains outstanding from the original issue of \$10,245,000 Series 1996A Water Revenue Bonds. The majority of these bonds are due in annual installments on October 1 ranging from \$575,000 in FY 2002 to \$920,000 in FY 2012. An additional \$270,000 in term bonds is scheduled for redemption in various amounts from FY 2013 through FY 2021. Interest is paid semiannually with rates ranging from 3.9% to 5.5% based on maturity. The debt is serviced through the Water System Enterprise Fund.

\$17,335,000 remains outstanding from the original issue of \$18,090,000 Series 1998 Water Revenue Bonds.

Serial Bonds: \$6,040,000 are due in annual installments on October 1 ranging from \$190,000 in FY 2002 to \$545,000 in FY 2014.

Term Bonds: \$12,050,000 is scheduled for redemption in various amounts from FY 2015 through FY 2028.

Interest is paid semiannually with rates ranging from 4.25% to 5.0% based on maturity. The debt is serviced through the Water System Enterprise Fund.

\$22,670,000 Series 2002 Water Revenue Bonds was issued July 2, 2002. The Series 1992A bond with a balance of \$18,525,000 was originally defeased with the Series 2002 issue, but was later called and retired October 1, 2002.

Serial Bonds: \$20,850,000 in serial bonds are due in annual installments on October 1 ranging from \$50,000 in FY 2004 to \$2,250,000 in FY 2022; Interest is paid semiannually with rates ranging from 3.25% to 5.00% based on maturity.

Term Bonds: \$465,000 is due October 1, 2027 and \$1,355,000 is due October 1, 2032. Interest is paid semiannually at a rate of 5.125%

The following is a summary of bond transactions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003:

Bond Issue	Balance July 1, 2002	Bonds Issued	Bonds Retired	Balance June 30, 2003
Series 1992 A	\$18,765,000	\$0	\$18,765,000	\$0
Series 1992B	175,000	0	175,000	\$0
Series 1996A	7,735,000	0	595,000	\$7,140,000
Series 1998	17,535,000	0	200,000	\$17,335,000
Series 2002	0	22,670,000	0	\$22,670,000
Total Water Bonds	\$44,210,000	\$22,670,000	\$19,735,000	\$47,145,000

## SCHEDULE OF DEBT AS OF JUNE 30, 2003

At June 30, 2003, the Water System was obligated to make payments of principal and interest on its outstanding revenue bond debt as follows:

Fiscal Years Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service
2004	\$1,410,000	\$2,244,175	\$3,654,175
2005	1,465,000	2,183,231	\$3,648,231
2006	1,530,000	2,120,154	\$3,650,154
2007	1,590,000	2,054,350	\$3,644,350
2008 - 2012	9,070,000	9,125,236	\$18,195,236
2013 - 2017	11,395,000	6,716,814	\$18,111,814
2018 - 2022	14,605,000	3,420,431	\$18,025,431
2023 - 2027	4,300,000	681,491	\$4,981,491
2028 - 2029	<u>1,780,000</u>	<u>286,591</u>	<u>\$2,066,591</u>
Totals	\$47,145,000	\$28,832,473	\$75,977,473

Advance Refunding. In prior years, the County advance refunded certain water revenue bonds by placing the proceeds of new bond issues in irrevocable trusts with escrow agents for the purpose of generating resources for all future debt service payments of the refunded debt. With this financial arrangement, the refunded bonds are considered to be defeased in substance. Accordingly, the trust account assets and liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the County's financial statements.

At June 30, 2003, \$665,000 of outstanding revenue bonds are considered defeased.

Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) Loans. The Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority is a State agency which offers low interest financing to other political subdivisions for their water and sewer capital needs. The Water System Enterprise Fund has received eight GEFA loans for various water system construction projects.

At June 30, 2003, the Water System Enterprise Fund's long-term liabilities included the following loans:

\$235,405 represents the principal balance remaining on the original loan amount of \$593,063 for the construction of the Quarters Road water line. This December 1988 loan was made by GEFA for a period of twenty years and is payable in quarterly installments of \$12,574 beginning March 1, 1989. The interest rate is 5.8% over the life of the loan. The current principal portion of the loan is \$37,448. The debt is serviced through the Water System Enterprise Fund.

\$251,043 represents the principal balance remaining on the original loan amount of \$603,000 for the construction of the Crabapple water tank. This June 1989 loan was made by GEFA for a period of twenty years and is payable in quarterly installments of \$12,280 beginning September 1, 1989. The interest rate is 5.3% over the life of the loan. The current principal portion of the loan is \$36,532. The debt is serviced through the Water System Enterprise Fund.

## SCHEDULE OF DEBT AS OF JUNE 30, 2003

\$522,307 represents the principal balance remaining on the original loan amount of \$797,000 for the construction of Phase 1 of the Water Line Looping Project. This August 1994 loan was made by GEFA for a period of twenty years and is payable in quarterly installments of \$15,109 beginning November 1, 1994. The interest rate is 4.8% over the life of the loan. The current principal portion of the loan is \$36,007. The debt is serviced through the Water System Enterprise Fund.

\$907,343 represents the principal balance remaining on the original loan amount of \$1,434,000 for the construction of Phase 2 of the Water Line Looping Project. This February 1995 loan was made by GEFA for a period of twenty years and is payable in quarterly installments of \$23,158 beginning March 1, 1996. The interest rate is 5.12% over the life of the loan. The current principal portion of the loan is \$62,523. The debt is serviced through the Water System Enterprise Fund.

\$1,426,925 represents the principal balance remaining on the original loan amount of \$2,087,000 for the construction of Phase 3 of the Water Line Looping Project. \$321,290 of the original loan amount was not needed for the project and was returned to the Georgia Loan Fund. This September 1996 loan was made by GEFA for a period of twenty years and is payable in quarterly installments of \$35,515 beginning November 1, 1997. The interest rate is 5.16% over the life of the loan. The current principal portion of the loan is \$69,768. The debt is serviced through the Water System Enterprise Fund.

\$1,761,533 represents the principal balance remaining on the original loan amount of \$2,000,000 for the construction of Phase 4 of the Water Line Looping Project. This May 1997 loan was made by GEFA for a period of twenty years and is payable in quarterly installments of \$40,027 beginning October 1, 1999. The interest rate is 5.1% over the life of the loan. The current principal portion of the loan is \$71,625. The debt is serviced through the Water System Enterprise Fund.

\$807,969 represents the principal balance remaining on the original loan amount of \$1,450,000 for the construction of Phase 5 of the Water Line Looping Project. \$209,766 of the original loan amount was not needed for the project and was returned to the Georgia Loan Fund. This May 1995 loan was made by GEFA for a period of twenty years and is payable in quarterly installments of \$21,978 beginning October 1, 1996. The interest rate is 5.6% over the life of the loan. The current principal portion of the loan is \$32,449. The debt is serviced through the Water System Enterprise Fund.

\$1,927,894 represents the principal balance remaining on the original loan amount of \$2,000,000 for the construction of South Fayette Water Treatment Plant. This November 2000 loan was made by GEFA for a period of twenty years and is payable in quarterly installments of \$41,037 beginning February 1, 2002. The interest rate is 5.4% over the life of the loan. The current principal portion of the loan is \$61,269. The debt is serviced through the Water System Enterprise Fund.

# SCHEDULE OF DEBT AS OF JUNE 30, 2003

The following is a summary of GEFA loan transactions for the year ended June 30, 2003:

Construction Project Fund	Balance July 1, 2002	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2003
Quarters Road Water Line	\$270,757	\$35,352	\$235,405
Crabapple Water Tank Loan	285,702	34,659	\$251,043
Phase 1 Water Line Loop Loan	556,637	34,330	\$522,307
Phase 2 Water Line Loop Loan	966,765	59,422	\$907,343
Phase 3 Water Line Loop Loan	1,493,205	66,281	\$1,426,924
Phase 4 Water Line Loop Loan	1,829,618	68,084	\$1,761,534
Phase 5 Water Line Loop Loan	849,182	41,213	\$807,969
South Fayette Water Plant Loan	1,985,963	58,069	\$1,927,894
Total GEFA Loans Payable	\$8,237,829	\$397,410	\$7,840,419

At June 30, 2003, the Water System Enterprise Fund was obligated to make payments of principal and interest on its outstanding Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) loans as follows:

Fiscal Years Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service
2004	\$418,140	\$403,732	\$821,872
2005	440,584	381,288	821,872
2006	464,237	357,638	821,875
2007	489,162	332,710	821,872
2008 - 2012	2,517,050	1,268,915	3,785,965
2013 - 2017	2,465,185	605,518	3,070,703
2018 - 2022	1,056,580	118,386	1,174,966
Totals	\$7,850,938	\$3,468,187	\$11,319,125

## SALARY RANGES FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

Grade	Title of Classified Position	Salary Range Structure - Effective July 1, 2003					
		Minimum	Minimum	Midpoint	Midpoint	Maximum	Maximum
		Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly
17	Communications Equipment Operator Custodian	\$18,299	\$8.7977	\$ 22,874	\$ 10.9972	\$ 27,449	\$ 13.1966
18	Appraiser Aide Cook Elections Clerk Laborer Library Assistant Receptionist/Clerk	\$19,209	\$9.2350	\$ 24,011	\$ 11.5437	\$ 28,813	\$ 13.8525
19	Court Clerk I Groundskeeper I Inventory Clerk - Water Records Clerk Warrant Clerk	\$20,207	\$9.7148	\$ 25,259	\$ 12.1436	\$ 30,310	\$ 14.5723
20	Billing Representative Customer Service Representative Equipment Operator I Meter Reader Property Tax Clerk Sign Technician Tag Clerk	\$21,205	\$10.1947	\$ 26,506	\$ 12.7434	\$ 31,808	\$ 15.2921
21	Collections Representative Computer Operator Control Terminal Officer Custodial Crew Leader Elections Office Clerk Groundskeeper II Human Resources Technician IRP/Tag Clerk Lead Tag Clerk Secretary	\$22,314	\$10.7279	\$ 27,893	\$ 13.4099	\$ 33,471	\$ 16.0919
22	Automotive Service Worker Court Clerk II Equipment Operator II Fuel Truck Operator Landfill Operator Water Distribution Maintenance Worker	\$23,445	\$11.2718	\$ 29,307	\$ 14.0897	\$ 35,168	\$ 16.9077
23	Accounting Technician Animal Control Officer Appraisal Technician Appraiser I Building Maintenance Worker Delinquent Tax Officer Engineering Technician Field Service Representative Grounds Crew Leader Jail Maintenance Worker	\$24,643	\$11.8476	\$ 30,804	\$ 14.8095	\$ 36,965	\$ 17.7714



# SALARY RANGES FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

Grade	Title of Classified Position	Salary Range Structure - Effective July 1, 2003					
		Minimum	Minimum	Midpoint	Midpoint	Maximum	Maximum
		Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly
	Permit Technician						
	Plant Operator Class III						
	Purchasing/Payroll Technician						
	Terminal Agency Coordinator						
	Water Plant Maintenance Worker						
	Wetlands Caretaker						
	Zoning Technician						
24	Administrative Secretary	\$25,885	\$12.4448	\$ 32,357	\$ 15.5560	\$ 38,828	\$ 18.6672
	Communications Operator						
	Deputy Sheriff - Non-Certified						
	Detention Officer						
	Emergency Medical Services Technician						
	Equipment Operator III						
	Heavy Equipment Mechanic						
	Landfill Supervisor						
	Mechanic						
	Senior Animal Control Officer						
25	Appraiser II	\$27,194	\$13.0740	\$ 33,992	\$ 16.3425	\$ 40,791	\$ 19.6110
	Buyer						
	Constable						
	Corporal - Non-Certified						
	Food Services Supervisor						
	Plant Operator Class II						
	Road Crew Leader I						
	Senior Accounting Technician						
	Senior Communications Operator						
	Tax Mapper/Cartographer						
26	Benefits Administrator	\$28,569	\$13.7351	\$ 35,711	\$ 17.1689	\$ 42,854	\$ 20.6027
	Building Inspector I						
	Building Maintenance Crew Leader						
	Construction Inspector						
	Court Clerk III						
	Deputy Tag Agent						
	Elections Officer						
	Erosion Control Inspector						
	Grounds Maintenance Supervisor						
	Intake Officer						
	Juvenile Probation Officer						
	Lead Mechanic						
	Administrative Coordinator						
	Meter Reader Supervisor						
	Property Tax Supervisor						
	Road Crew Leader II						
	School Resource Officer - Deputy Sheriff						
	Shift Supervisor - Communications						
	Victim Witness Advocate						

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		Minimum	Minimum	Midpoint	Midpoint	Maximum	Maximum
		Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly
27	Assistant Public Services Librarian Athletic Coordinator Building Inspector II Communications Training Officer Deputy Court Clerk Deputy Court Clerk - Juvenile Lab Analyst Plant Operator Class I Recreation Special Programs Coordinator Water Distribution Crew Leader	\$30,055	\$14.4496	\$ 37,569	\$ 18.0620	\$ 45,083	\$ 21.6744
28	Billing Operations Supervisor - Water Building Inspector III Criminal Investigations Division Assistant Customer Service Supervisor Environmental Technician Human Resources Coordinator Maintenance Supervisor Office Manager - Fire and Emergency Services Office Manager - Permits and Inspections Office Manager - Solicitor General Senior Plant Operator Records Management Supervisor	\$33,183	\$15.9532	\$ 41,478	\$ 19.9416	\$ 49,774	\$ 23.9299
29	Appraiser III Assustant Recreation Director Building Inspector IV Building Maintenance Engineer CAD Manager (Computer Aided Dispatch) Finance Officer - Water System Human Resources Specialist Program Supervisor Recreation Program Supervisor Zoning Coordinator	\$33,183	\$15.9532	\$ 41,478	\$ 19.9416	\$ 49,774	\$ 23.9299
30	Assistant Water Treatment Plant Manager Building Inspector V Chief Court Clerk - Juvenile Chief Deputy Clerk - Administration Chief Deputy Court Clerk Environmental Technician II Information Systems Technician Lead Appraiser Programmer Public Services Librarian Staff Sergeant	\$34,891	\$16.7744	\$ 43,613	\$ 20.9680	\$ 52,336	\$ 25.1616
31	Assistant Director of Permits and Inspections Assistant Maintenance Director Fleet Superintendent Network Administrator Program Analyst	\$36,643	\$17.6180	\$ 45,804	\$ 22.0210	\$ 54,964	\$ 26.4252

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		Minimum	Minimum	Midpoint	Midpoint	Maximum	Maximum
		Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly
32	Assistant Library Director Law Clerk Senior Planner Systems Analyst Web Developer	\$38,506	\$18.5126	\$ 48,133	\$ 23.1407	\$ 57,759	\$ 27.7689
33	Administrative Manager - Water Civil Engineer Deputy Chief/Appraiser III Deputy Tax Commissioner Director of Animal Control Lieutenant-Inspector/Investigator Road Superintendent Water Distribution Manager Water Treatment Plant Manager	\$40,480	\$19.4617	\$ 50,600	\$ 24.3271	\$ 60,720	\$ 29.1925
34	Accounting Supervisor Assistant Communications Director Budget Officer Capital Assets Manager Elections Supervisor	\$42,543	\$20.4534	\$ 53,179	\$ 25.5668	\$ 63,815	\$ 30.6801
35	Assistant Information Systems Director Assistant Solicitor General Deputy Director of Administration - Sheriff Executive Assistant/Public Information Officer	\$44,695	\$21.4878	\$ 55,868	\$ 26.8598	\$ 67,042	\$ 32.2317
36	Chief Appraiser	\$46,979	\$22.5862	\$ 58,724	\$ 28.2328	\$ 70,469	\$ 33.8793
37	Assistant Public Works Director Assistant Water System Director Assistant Director of Engineering Assistant Director of Finance/Internal Auditor Director of Communications Director of Maintenance Director of Recreation Emergency Management Coordinator - Captain EMS Educator - Captain Fire Marshal - Captain Reserve Unit Coordinator - Captain Zoning Administrator	\$49,375	\$23.7379	\$ 61,719	\$ 29.6724	\$ 74,062	\$ 35.6069
38	Chief Marshal/Safety Director Deputy Chief Director of Permits and Inspections Director of Planning Director of Purchasing Human Resources Director Major/Director of Administration	\$51,904	\$24.9536	\$ 64,879	\$ 31.1920	\$ 77,855	\$ 37.4304
39	Director of Engineering	\$54,543	\$26.2226	\$ 68,179	\$ 32.7783	\$ 81,815	\$ 39.3339
41	Director of Information Systems	\$60,221	\$28.9526	\$ 75,277	\$ 36.1907	\$ 90,332	\$ 43.4289

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Grade	Title of Classified Position	Salary Range Structure - Effective July 1, 2003					
		Minimum	Minimum	Midpoint	Midpoint	Maximum	Maximum
		Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly
42	Director of Finance Community Development Division Director Leisure Service/Development Division Director Lt. Colonel Public Safety Division Director Transportation Division Director Utilities Division Director	\$63,305	\$30.4349	\$ 79,131	\$ 38.0436	\$ 94,957	\$ 45.6523
F4	Firefighter/EMT Trainee	\$25,802	\$9.3619	\$ 32,252	\$ 11.7024	\$ 38,702	\$ 14.0429
F8	Firefighter/EMT	\$31,362	\$11.3795	\$ 39,202	\$ 14.2244	\$ 47,043	\$ 17.0693
F11	Firefighter/Paramedic	\$36,305	\$13.1732	\$ 45,382	\$ 16.4665	\$ 54,458	\$ 19.7598
F13	Emergency Services Lieutenant/Station Officer	\$40,027	\$14.5235	\$ 50,033	\$ 18.1543	\$ 60,040	\$ 21.7852
F17	Emergency Services Captain/Station Commander	\$48,653	\$17.6533	\$ 60,816	\$ 22.0667	\$ 72,979	\$ 26.4800
S8	Deputy Marshal Deputy Sheriff	\$31,362	\$14.0259	\$ 39,203	\$ 17.5324	\$ 47,043	\$ 21.0388
S9	Deputy Sheriff - Corporal	\$32,930	\$14.7272	\$ 41,163	\$ 18.4090	\$ 49,395	\$ 22.0908
S10	Deputy Marshal - Investigator Deputy Sheriff - Investigator	\$34,577	\$15.4636	\$ 43,221	\$ 19.3294	\$ 51,865	\$ 23.1953
S11	Dare Officer - Sergeant Deputy Marshal - Sergeant Deputy Sheriff - Sergeant	\$36,305	\$16.2367	\$ 45,382	\$ 20.2959	\$ 54,458	\$ 24.3551
S13	Deputy Marshal - Lieutenant Deputy Sheriff - Lieutenant	\$40,027	\$17.9010	\$ 50,033	\$ 22.3762	\$ 60,040	\$ 26.8515
S17	Deputy Sheriff - Captain	\$48,653	\$21.7588	\$ 60,816	\$ 27.1985	\$ 72,979	\$ 32.6382

## **GLOSSARY OF BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL TERMINOLOGY**

*Accounting System* - The total set of records and procedures which are used to record, classify and report information on the financial statements and operations of an entity.

*Accrual Basis of Accounting* - The method of accounting under which revenues are recorded when they are earned (whether or not cash is received at that time) and expenditures are recorded when goods and services are received (whether or not cash disbursements are made at that time).

*Ad Valorem Property Taxes* - Taxes levied on an assessed valuation (40% of market value) of real and personal property, based on a valuation as of January 1 and a millage rate set by the County Commission.

*Appropriation* - An authorization made by the County Commission which permits officials to incur obligations against and to make expenditures of governmental resources. Appropriations are usually made for fixed amounts and are typically granted for a one year period.

*Asset* - All the property such as cash, inventory and receivables that is owned by a business or government and may be applied to cover liabilities.

*Budget* - A financial plan for a specific period of time that matches all planned revenues and expenditures with various County services.

*Budget Adjustment* - A legal procedure utilized by County staff to revise a budget appropriation. County staff has the authorization to adjust line item expenditures within a departmental budget but the County Commission must approve any increase in the total budget for a department.

*Budget Calendar* - The schedule of key dates or milestones which the County follows in the preparation, adoption and administration of the budget.

*Budget Document* - The instrument used by the County Administrator to present a comprehensive financial plan to the County Commission.

*Budget Message* - A general discussion of the proposed budget presented in writing as a part of its supplement to the budget document. The transmittal letter explains the principal budget issues against the background of financial experience in recent years and presents recommendations made by the County Administrator.

*Budget Ordinance* - The official enactment by the County Commission legal authorizing County Officials to obligate and expend resources.

*Budgetary Control* - The control or management of a governmental unit or enterprise in accordance with an approved budget for the purpose of keeping expenditures within limitations of available appropriations and available revenues.

## **GLOSSARY OF BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL TERMINOLOGY**

*Capital Asset* - Assets of significant value and having a useful life of several years. Capital assets are also called fixed assets.

*Capital Budget* - A plan of proposed capital expenditures and the means of financing them. The capital budget is usually enacted as part of a complete annual budget which includes both operating and capital outlays. The capital budget should be based on a capital improvement program (CIP).

*Capital Improvement Program (CIP)* - A multi-year plan used to identify needed capital projects and coordinate their timing and methods of financing.

*Capital Improvement Project* - An item in excess of \$5,000 for which the purchase, construction, or other acquisition will represent a public betterment to the community and add to the total capital assets of the County.

*Capital Outlay* - Includes outlays which result in the acquisition of or addition to fixed assets. The item must have a cost greater than \$1,000 and have a useful life greater than one year.

*Contingency* - A budgetary reserve set aside for emergencies or unforeseen expenditures not otherwise budgeted for.

*Cost Center* - An organizational budget or operating unit within the County.

*Debt* - An obligation resulting from the borrowing of money or from the purchase of goods or services over a period of time. Legal definitions of debt vary from state to state and are determined by constitutional provisions, statutes and court decisions.

*Debt Limit* - A maximum amount of debt that may be legally incurred. A debt limit usually only applies to general obligation debt and is most often expressed as a percentage of the taxable value of property in a jurisdiction.

*Debt Service* - The amount of money required to pay maturities of principal on bonds plus the interest due on the outstanding debt, usually reported on an annual basis.

*Debt Service Fund* - A fund used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal and interest.

*Debt Service Requirement* - The amount of money necessary for scheduled payment of outstanding debt, both principal and interest becoming due during the fiscal period, and contributions which may be required to accumulate monies for the future retirement of bonds.

*Department* - A major administrative unit of the County with overall management responsibility for an operation or a group of related operations within a functional area.

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*Depreciation Expense* - Depreciation of capital assets within the various enterprise funds.

*Encumbrance* - Obligations in the form of purchase orders, contracts or salary commitments which are chargeable to an appropriation and for which part of the appropriation is reserved. They cease to be encumbrances when paid or when an actual liability is set up.

*Enterprise Fund* - A governmental accounting fund in which the services provided are financed and operated similarly to those of a private business. The rate schedules for these services are established to ensure that revenues are adequate to meet all necessary expenditures.

*Expenditure* - Decrease in net financial resources. Expenditures include current operating expenses requiring the present and future use of net current assets, debt service, capital outlays and intergovernmental grants, entitlement and shared revenues.

*Expenses* - Outflows or incurrences of liabilities from delivering or producing goods, rendering services, or carrying out other activities that constitute the entity's ongoing major or general operations.

*Fiscal Year* - The time period designated by the County signifying the beginning and ending period for recording financial transactions. Like the State, Fayette County has specified July 1 to June 30 as its fiscal year.

*Fixed Asset* - Assets of long-term character which are intended to continue to be held or used, such as land, buildings, machinery and furniture.

*Fund* - A fiscal and accounting entity which is comprised of a self-balancing set of accounts which reflect all assets, liabilities, equity, revenue and expenditures (or expenses) necessary to disclose financial position and the results of operations. Funds are established as individual entities in order to segregate financial records for the purpose of legal compliance, different natures of the activities performed, measurement of different objectives, and to facilitate management control.

*Fund Balance* - Refers to the excess of current assets over current liabilities.

*General Obligation (G.O.)* - Bonds sold to raise revenue for long-term capital financing needs. These bonds which pledge the full faith and credit of the County must be approved by voter referendum. The cost of financing is spread over the life of the improvement so that future users help to repay the cost of the improvement.

*General Sales and Use Tax* - A percentage tax imposed upon the sale or consumption of goods and/or services.

*Grant* - A contribution by a government or other organization to support a particular function or program.

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*Infrastructure* - Basic installations and facilities (e.g., roads, bridges) upon which the continuance and growth of a community depend.

*Insurance Premium Tax* - A tax on the gross direct premiums received during the preceding year from policies of fire and casualty insurance issued upon property and business located within the State of Georgia. The tax is distributed based on census population numbers.

*Intangibles* - Tax levied on intangible personal property such as securities, mortgages and cash based on returns filed with the State of Georgia.

*Intergovernmental Revenue* - Revenues received from other governmental entities in the form of grants, entitlements, shared revenues or payments in lieu of taxes.

*Interest Income* - Revenue earned for the use of idle monies.

*Interfund Transfer* - Contributions and operating transfers of cash made between the various funds of the County.

*Investment* - Securities purchased and held for the production of income in the form of interest, dividends or base payments.

*Lease Purchase* - A method of acquiring high cost equipment or property and spreading the payments over a specified period of time.

*Liability* - Debt or other legal obligations arising out of transactions in the past which must be liquidated, renewed or refunded at some future date. This term does not include encumbrances.

*Line- Item Budget* - A budget that lists each expenditure category separately along with the dollar amount budgeted for each specified category.

*Millage Rate* - The ad valorem tax rate expressed in terms of the levy per thousand dollars of taxable assessed value.

*Modified Accrual Basis* - The basis of accounting under which expenditures other than accrued interest on general long-term debt are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred and revenues are recorded when received in cash except for material and/or other available revenues which should be accrued to reflect properly the taxes levied and revenue earned.

*Operating Budget* - The portion of the budget pertaining to daily operations that provide basic governmental services. The operating budget contains appropriations for such expenditures as personnel, supplies, utilities, travel, fuel and capital outlay.



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*Performance Measures* - Specific quantitative and qualitative measures of work performed as an objective of the department or cost center.

*Property Tax* - Revenue generated from the annual levy of taxes on property owners.

*Purchase Order* - A document issued to authorize a vendor or vendors to deliver specified merchandise or render a specified service for a stated estimated price. Outstanding purchase orders are called encumbrances.

*Reserve* - An account used to indicate that a portion of a fund's fund balance is legally restricted for a specific purpose or commitment and is, therefore, not available for general appropriation.

*Revenue* - The term designates an increase to a fund's assets which does not increase a liability, represent a repayment of an expenditure already made, represent a cancellation of certain liabilities or represent an increase in contributed capital.

*Zero-Based Budget* - An operating, planning and budgeting process which requires each manager to justify all dollars requested from scratch.